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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Withdrawn) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24, and SEQ ID NO:26.

10-40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:14.

42. (Withdrawn) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:16.

43. (Withdrawn) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:18.

44. (Withdrawn) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a protein comprising the amino acid

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sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:22.

45. (Withdrawn) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:24.

46. (Withdrawn) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:26.

47-50. (Canceled)

51. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 41.

52. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid of claim 41, wherein the nucleic acid has the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:13.

53. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 51, wherein the vector is adapted for expression of the nucleic acid in a cell and comprises regulatory elements necessary for the expression of the nucleic acid in the cell operatively linked to the nucleic acid so as to permit expression thereof.

54. (Previously Presented) An isolated cell comprising the vector of claim 51.

55. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid of claim 41, wherein

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the nucleic acid is DNA or RNA.

56. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid of claim 55, wherein the DNA is cDNA.

57. (Previously Presented) The cell of claim 54, wherein the cell is a bacterial, amphibian, yeast, fungal, insect, or mammalian cell.

58. (Previously Presented) The cell of claim 54, wherein but for the vector present therein, the cell would not express a mammalian oxidized, low-density lipoprotein (LOX-1) receptor.

59-60. (Canceled)

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